

not to foregather with strange women is
purity; to
take no life is the vow. This
righteousness in daily
life is far rarer than men may imagine.

"God of the Universe, show me just once the
men who
are content with what the day brings; who stand
far fr-orr
sorrow; who know the within and have
forgotten the
without; who are blest in the endless bliss.
Oh my
Father! Give me but this boon."

The religious life is also a life of trust in
God and
the use of one's earnings for good work.
Man may
have all he needs, but be unhappy
thinking that he
has not more. He minimises the good that
has come
and magnifies the good that has not come
and takes
thought and worries the soul. As the ant
gathers in
corn for a half-year, one is small, but one's
desire is
great. Does the elephant with the huge
body desire
to provide for the future? See the
difference between
the ant and the elephant. While there is
Siva to know"
man's every need and feed him, why does
man die from
vain desire ? Why does he not realise that
the Almighty
Siddalingeswara is looking after him ? Has
He become
poor who gives to all? And why hoard?
Men have
seen how the wealth of those who earned
in the past
has ended. For whom then do these
hoard? The
rain will come again and crops grow, all the
time we
hope to live. What does the cow when it
dies leave
hoarded for its calf? The Virasaiva

teachers seen*
to have tried the idea of community
property. If a
devotee earns, he should apply his earnings
while alive
to the teachers of God and God's
servants. This is
the course of true devotion. Should he
reserve the
earning for wife and children after death,
he deviates